GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROGRESS ON NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the National Reconstruction Project started last year in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the objective of the said project;

(c) the amount released for implementation of the said project;

(d) whether completion of the said project is behind schedule;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) National Reconstruction Corps Scheme was launched on 30th June,1999. However, its implementation could not be started so far in any part of the country including Andhra Pradesh due to various administrative reasons.

(b) The primary objective of National Reconstruction Corps Scheme, inter alia, is to provide an opportunity to youth to participate in the process of nation building to work for and with the community to understand the problems of real life and utilize their skills and knowledge to bring about a socio-economic transformation of our society and nation.

(c) So far Rs.61.00 lakh have been released to NYKS to meet the expenditure on advertisement, launching ceremony and publication of booklet on NRC. However, no expenditure on actual implementation of the scheme has been incurred so far.

(d), (e) & (f) : The implementation of the NRC project got delayed on account of various factors like opening of a budget head, obtaining Parliament`s approval to the incurring of expenditure, declaration of elections to the Lok Sabha, and lastly changes in the criteria of selection of Project Officer. Now, after resolving all issues involved, the process of selection of Project Officers through interviews has been completed and it is expected to have the Project Officers in place by 01.04.2001. The process of selection of volunteers under the scheme will be taken up thereafter.